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MR. BALFOUR NOMINATED YESTERDAY TO REPRESENT THE CITY.



On his being chosen by the City of London Conservative Association yesterday to represent the City in place of Mr. Alban Gibbs, who will retire in his favour, Mr. Balfour read an interesting election address. He said the Conservative Party had in its keeping the highest hopes of the Empire, and the country would turn to it when

cherished institutions were threatened or private rights attacked. The photograph above shows Mr. Balfour, with Mr. Alban Gibbs on his right, and Sir John Puleston, on his left, leaving the meeting at the Guildhall Tavern. Below: Mr. Balfour is bidding good-bye to his supporters.



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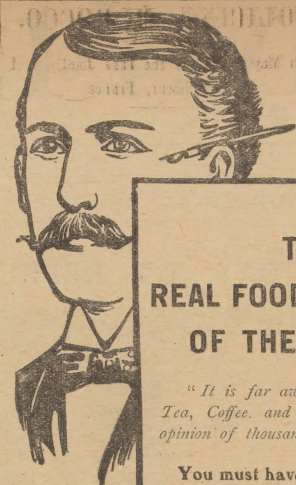
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BIRTHS.

FRASER.—On the 12th inst., at 50, Murrayfield Avenue, Edinburgh, the wife of W. H. Fraser, W.S., of a daughter. SCHAYER.—On the 11th inst., at The Manor, 12, Wilton-street, Derby, the wife of Rev. J. R. P. Slater, M.A., of a son. WATSON.—On February 12, at 16, Chesham-place, W., the wife of Duncan Watson, of No. 102, Charing Cross-road—a son.

MARRIAGES.

BERNACCHI—HARRIS.—On February 10, at the Parish Church, Preston, Brighton, by the Rev. Spencer Walker, vicar of Amport, assisted by the Rev. T. Morgan, senior curate of Preston, Louis Charles, eldest son of A. G. D. Bernacchi, Esq., J.P., Farnham, to Winifred Edith, third daughter of Alfred Reilly Harris, Esq., of Dornington, Chichester.

NAREN—SMITH.—On the 15th inst., at St. Mary's Church, Ewell, by the Rev. R. O. Hunt, vicar of the parish, assisted by the Rev. E. V. Bond, parish priest, the younger son of Sir Michael de St. Mary, Bart., of Ranelagh, and Dyanne House, Ewell, and Lady Nairn, to Clara Kathleen, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Chaloner Smith, of Shalimar, Ewell, Surrey.

DEATHS.

EVELYN.—On the 11th inst., at 52, St. Paul's-road, Clifton, Frances Emily, widow of the late Frankland Evelyn, in her 87th year.

LE MARCHANT.—On the 12th inst., at 82, Lansdowne-place, Brighton, John Henry Marchant, aged 62. SYRETT.—On February 12, at River House, Walton-on-Thames, Ernest Syrett, aged 65.

IN MEMORIAM.

HISCOX.—In loving memory of dear mother, Martha Hiscox, who died February 15, 1905.

PERSONAL.

172, Amhurst-road.—ETTIE. DARLING, grateful hug! If not Friday, post Saturday.

SUNDAY. GRATEFUL.—Thanks, dear; meet Elephant, Sunday evening, 6—ALWAYS.

MISSING.—Should this reach the eye of anyone who wishes to reach a friend or relative, who has disappeared abroad, in the Colonies, or in the United States, let him advertise in the Over-Sea Daily Mail, which reaches every town in the whole world where any English-speaking person is to be found. Specimen copy and terms on application to Advertising Dept. Managers of the Over-Sea Daily Mail, 3, Carmelite House, Temple, London, E.C.

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THOS commencing a Tobacconist, Stationer, 6ld, Bazaar, Confectionery, Fancy Dealer.—Complete assortments, £10; Trade Guide, 4d.—Friswell Bros., 121, 122, 123, 124, Houndsditch, London.



# MR. BALFOUR'S FISCAL POLICY.

Important Correspondence  
With Mr. Chamberlain.

## "MY OWN OPINION."

Mr. Chamberlain Gladly Accepts  
His Leader's Views.

## ENTIRE AGREEMENT.

Unionist Party Meeting To-day Will Include  
the Duke of Devonshire.

The correspondence between Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain, printed below, decides the immediate future of the Unionist Party.

The Opposition is, it is apparent, about to embark upon a zealous campaign in which, while Mr. Balfour remains undisputed leader, Mr. Chamberlain will give the most complete and wholehearted support.

To-day takes place at Lansdowne House the meeting of the party which has been so eagerly sought by Mr. Chamberlain, and late last night it was announced that the Duke of Devonshire would be among those present.

It will be remembered that "the Duke," as he is familiarly called, resigned his Cabinet position as Lord President of the Council in 1903, because of his strong objection to fiscal reform, and has been practically out of politics since.

## DECISIVE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS.

The following correspondence has taken place between Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain in regard to the policy to be pursued by the Unionist Party on the question of tariff reform:—

4, Carlton-gardens, S.W., Feb. 14, 1906.

My dear Chamberlain,—The controversy aroused by the fiscal question has produced, not unnaturally, an impression, which I have constantly combated, that the practical differences between fiscal reforms are much deeper than in fact the case.

The exchange of views which has recently taken place between us leads me to hope that this misconception may be removed, and with it much friction which has proved injurious to the party. My own opinion, which I believe is shared by the great majority of the Unionist Party, may be briefly summarised as follows:—

I hold that fiscal reform is and must remain the first constructive work of the Unionist Party.

That the objects of such reform are to secure more equal terms of competition for British trade and closer commercial union with Colonies.

That while it is at present unnecessary to prescribe the exact methods by which these objects are to be attained—and inexpedient to permit differences of opinion as to these methods to divide the party—though other means may be possible, the establishment of a moderate general tariff on manufactured goods, not imposed for the purpose of raising prices or giving artificial protection against legitimate competition, and the imposition of a small duty on foreign corn are not in principle objectionable, and should be adopted if shown to be necessary for the attainment of the ends in view or for purposes of revenue.—Believe me, yours sincerely,

ARTHUR JAMES BALFOUR.

40, Princes-gardens, W., Feb. 14, 1906.

My dear Balfour,—I cordially welcome your letter of to-day, in which you have summarised the conclusions that you have reached during our recent discussion.

I entirely agree with your description of the objects which we both have in view, and gladly accept the policy which you indicate as the wise and desirable one for the Unionist Party to adopt.

In endeavouring to give effect to this policy, and in defending all Unionist principles, any services that I can render will be entirely at your disposal.—I am, yours very truly,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

## MR. BALFOUR AS CANDIDATE.

The members of the City of London Conservative Association unanimously chose Mr. Balfour yesterday as the Unionist candidate for the City in succession to Mr. Alban Gibbs, who has retired in the ex-Premier's favour. "You will probably not desire that within the compass of an election address I should detail an

exposition of my political creed," said Mr. Balfour. "My public life is before you; my opinions are well known."

"Opposition is, after all, the road to power, and during the years, be they few or be they many, which divide us from that goal, we shall not forget to prepare the way for those fiscal and social reforms, which will ultimately be required by the country at our hands."

## SEVEN COMING BY-ELECTIONS.

Another distinguished parliamentarian of the old type has been lost to the new House of Commons by the death, at Alton yesterday, of the Right Hon. A. F. Jeffreys, M.P. for the Basingstoke Division of Hampshire.

His death creates another vacancy in the House of Commons; in the following seven constituencies by-elections will now be necessary:—

Constituency.	Majority.
City of London—Mr. Allan Gibbs (U.)	10,306
Aberdeenshire (East)—Mr. J. Annand (L.)	1,830
Hants (Basingstoke)—Mr. A. F. Jeffreys (U.)	120
Galway (North)—Mr. T. Higgins (N.)	1,101
Leitrim (North)—Mr. P. A. McHugh (N.)	Unopposed
(Also elected for Sligo, North.)	
Kilkenny (North)—Mr. J. Devlin (N.)	Unopposed
(Also returned for Belfast, West.)	
Wiltshire (Westbury)—Mr. J. M. F. Fuller (L.)	1,476

## FOUR HUNDRED M.P.s SWORN.

It was "swearing-in day" at Westminster yesterday, some 400 brand-new members taking the oath, signing the roll, and shaking hands with "Mr. Speaker" during his four and a half hours' occupancy of the chair.

There were the accustomed picturesque formalities at the opening, upon which the parliamentary novitiates gazed with awe and wonderment.

It was "Mr. Speaker" who, according to custom, first took the oath of allegiance and signed the roll. Then came the rush.

Mr. Morley affirmed, as did also Mr. John Ellis and Mr. J. A. Pease, both of whom were Quakers. Mr. Bryce (Irish Secretary), Mr. Thomas Shaw (Lord Advocate), and Mr. Keir Hardie were sworn in the Scottish fashion, with uplifted hand; and Mr. Herbert Samuel, the Under-Secretary to the Home Office, was sworn with his hat on his head, according to the Jewish fashion.

As "Mr. Crookes-Woolwich" was duly presented by the Chief Clerk, the hon. member cracked a little joke in the Speaker's ear. Both laughed heartily.

A mild flutter of commotion went down the queue of waiting members when Mr. Joseph Chamberlain and his son, spruce as ever, and both looking far from "down-hearted," suddenly arrived.

The distinguished pair passed along the front opposition bench, and were expeditiously initiated. Mr. Winston Churchill, their immediate predecessor at the table, turning round and offering his hand to the member for West Birmingham, who took it with a smile.

At half-past four the House was "up."

## TEN NEW PEERS TAKE THE OATH.

The following new peers took the oath, signed the roll, and went through the accustomed formalities of introduction in the Gilded Chamber:—Baron Northcliffe (Sir Alfred Harmsworth), Baron Desborough (Mr. W. H. Grenfell), Baron Faber (Mr. E. B. Faber), Baron Fitzmaurice (Lord E. Fitzmaurice), Viscount St. Aldwyn (Sir Michael Hicks-Benich), Baron Hemphill (Sir Jean C. H. Hemphill), Baron Haversham (Sir A. Hayer), Baron Nunburnholme (Mr. C. H. Wilson), Baron Westlake (Sir W. H. Wills, Bart.), and Baron Joicey (Sir James Joicey).

## PREMIER ON HIS "REMEDIES."

At a complimentary dinner to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman at the National Liberal Club last night the Premier said that he looked forward to a long period of strenuous and fruitful legislation. Mr. Chamberlain's protection programme had not been without benefit to them. It had called attention forcibly to the evils which existed in our midst.

The Liberal Party, while discarding Mr. Chamberlain's remedy, must not let alone the disease. They had their own remedies, which they thought would be more beneficial.

## GUIDE TO THE NEW HOUSE.

Those who wish a complete guide to the new Parliament will find what they want in the new "Daily Mail" Chart of the Old and New Parliaments, graphically illustrated in colours in such a way as to show at a glance the disposition of parties. With the Chart is presented a 16-page handbook forming a "Who's Who" of the personnel of the House, and containing many other useful features. The Chart and Handbook combined form an absolutely complete record of the old and new Parliaments, and of the now historic election, containing as they do the result of the polling in Orkney and Shetland.

The two publications will be issued together tomorrow at the inclusive cost of 1s. (postage 1d.). Orders should be sent now to the Publisher, 2, Carmelite House, E.C., or Messrs. George Philip and Son, 32, Fleet-street, London, E.C.,

## POLICING MOROCCO.

Spain May Undertake the Task Jointly with  
Her Neighbour, France.

The official proceedings at the Algeiras Conference yesterday were as dull and unimportant as usual.

Unofficially, however, there has been considerable excitement. This is due to a meeting between Herr von Radowicz, the German delegate, and M. Revoll, the French representative, which took place on Tuesday.

An Exchange message from Paris says that it is still considered in well-informed circles there that an arrangement for a Franco-Spanish management of the policing of Morocco will prove acceptable, although it has been ascertained that no third Power, such as Italy, will be allowed to take a share of the responsibility.

In Berlin, says Reuter, it is pointed out that France has made concessions to Great Britain, Spain, and Italy in order the more effectively to protect her rights in Morocco, and it should not be difficult for her to offer Germany some guarantee or compensation.

## NATAL REBELS CAPTURED.

Native Murderers of the Police Surrounded, and  
Made To Surrender.

PIETERMARITZBURG, Wednesday.—All is quiet in the Richmond district.

It was noted in the murderous attack on the police were captured yesterday. The murderers have been located in a strip of bush extending fifteen miles.

Three of them, who were wounded, were caught and imprisoned to-day. Information to hand points to a connection between the Elandskop Ethiopians and the educated natives at Umkommas.—Reuter.

## DANES MOURN FOR KING CHRISTIAN.

Over 15,000 More Grieving Subjects Pay Their Last  
Tribute at the Bier.

COPENHAGEN, Wednesday.—The crowds which thronged the approaches to the Castle Church to-day, anxious to see the remains of the late King lie in state, considerably exceeded those of yesterday. It is estimated that over 15,000 people filed before the catafalque, while about the same number had to be refused admission to the church.—Reuter.

Lord Althorp (the Lord Chamberlain), with General Lord Methuen and the members of their suite, left Victoria yesterday morning for Copenhagen, to represent King Edward and the British Army at the funeral.

## "THE LITTLE STRANGER."

Instant Success of a Marvellous Child-Actor at the  
Criterion Theatre.

The chief characters in "The Little Stranger" at the Criterion are a baby in arms and a tiny boy, who is apparently about five, but really fifteen.

To cure his wife of a craze for spiritualism a young husband pretends that he has killed himself, and that his spirit has entered into the baby. The tiny boy, taking the baby's place in the nurse's arms, astounds and terrifies everybody by his mischievous and precocious remarks.

The joke is that the tiny boy looks exactly like a baby, and also acts exceedingly well. He keeps the house in roars of laughter. A very fair company is engaged to support him, including Miss Sydney Fairbrother (the nurse) and Mr. James Carew, but it is Master Garratt himself who will draw all London. "The Little Stranger" will be the sensation of the theatrical season.

## MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

The crew of eight men of the schooner Marie Chateau, driven ashore off Dungeness, were saved by the coastguard yesterday.

H.M. cruiser Lancaster arrived at Algiers yesterday towing the German steamer Herra, which she found in a sinking condition off Tenez.

The Channel Fleet left Arosa Bay yesterday to join the Mediterranean and Atlantic Fleets off Lagos, where the great manoeuvres will begin.

On leaving Madras, last evening, Lord Amphil, the ex-Governor, and Lady Amphil were the objects of a great demonstration, their departure being greatly regretted.

The Duke of Connaught received addresses from the English, Irish, Scotch, and Netherlands Masonic Lodges at Johannesburg, and yesterday proceeded to Standerton.

## TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is:—Variable light breezes; mostly fair; fog or showers locally; frost morning and night.—Light S.W. wind, 12 to 12 p.m. Sea passages will be smooth to moderate.

## CHANCE FOR AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS.

"Daily Mirror" Offers a Weekly  
Prize for the Best Snapshot.

## NOVEL COMPETITION.

Since the *Daily Mirror* began to make a feature of photographs illustrating the day's news it has won for itself such popularity that its circulation is, with a single exception, the largest possessed by any morning paper in the kingdom.

The secret of this success is an easy one to explain. Our photographs—the envy of rival journals—have done what has never been done before. Their reproduction has given readers morning after morning a pictorial representation of the actual incidents of the previous day. Happenings which took place hundreds of miles away from our office have in innumerable instances been illustrated in the *Daily Mirror* on the following morning.

Large as is our photographic staff, however, and elaborate as is the organisation at our command, we recognise that it is impossible for us to obtain snapshots of many incidents which would make excellent pictures.

## MUST BE ON THE SPOT.

News can usually be collected hours after a meeting or an accident is over, but the photographer must be on the spot at the time or he can obtain nothing.

Recognising this difficulty, we have determined to invite the co-operation of every amateur photographer in the kingdom. We have decided to open a weekly competition, the only qualification for admission being the possession of a camera.

We invite our readers to send us in photographs possessing a news value. They may be snapshots of anything, so long as they are of a general and topical interest.

For every photograph used we shall pay 10s. 6d., and in addition to this we offer a weekly prize of £2 2s. for the best snapshot by an amateur photographer published in our columns in any one week.

Readers of the *Daily Mirror* will be invited to vote as to which photograph they consider the best. Coupons intended for this purpose will be published in our columns.

## OPEN NEXT WEEK.

The competition will open next week, so that amateurs may get started in photographs at once, in readiness for Monday's issue. Unless the competitor wishes otherwise his name and address will be printed in the *Daily Mirror* under the photograph.

A stamped and addressed envelope must be sent with each photograph if the sender desires it to be returned, but in no case will the Editor be responsible for the loss of photographs.

For the guidance of competitors we wish to remind them that the photograph, to be of value to a newspaper, should contain "action." Subjects should not look as if they have been specially posed.

The following are suggested as topics:—

Football.	Private theatricals.
Motoring incidents.	Boating.
Prominent people's doings.	Interesting things.
Fishing.	Hunting.
Public meetings.	Strange things in animal
Accidents.	Accidents.
Wedding incidents.	Ballooning.

More scenery, of course, is of no use.

## HOW THE MONEY WILL BE PAID.

As we do not wish to keep elaborate books, we shall only pay the money on the application of the photographer, who must cut his picture out of the *Daily Mirror*, and send it in with his request for payment.

Another advantage of entering the competition is the possibility of a specially successful amateur being offered a lucrative position on the photographic staff of the *Daily Mirror*. Our photographers are sent all over the world.

At the present moment, indeed, we have a special photographer touring India with the Prince and Princess of Wales, and another in Denmark, waiting to take photographs of the late King's funeral. A third has only just returned from Paris, where he went with the members of the London County Council, and yet another recently journeyed to Biarritz to photograph Princess Ena and her royal love.

As we have said, the competition opens next week, and the first photograph accepted, if one be found suitable, will be published.

## SLANDERED BY A RECTOR.

Mr. Charles Bowers, of Tedstone-Delamere, was awarded £100 damages at the Worcester Assizes yesterday against the Rev. C. Williams, rector of the parish of Tedstone-Delamere, and the rector's wife for slander.

The slander complained of was that plaintiff gambled and drank and deceived his employer. The slanders were uttered in conversation in the church porch and in sermons.



## SIR FRANCIS BURNAND RETIRES.

"Punch" Loses Its Cheery Chief  
After Forty-Four Years.

### PROBABLE SUCCESSOR.

Sir Francis Burnand is retiring from the editorship of "Punch" after forty-four years' association with that famous laughter-provoker among nations.

If, therefore, a note of sadness creeps into its jocular pages during the next few weeks, it will be because the "round-table conferences" and historic dinners at the shrine of mirth in Boulevard street are no longer illuminated by his presence or inspired by his shafts of wit.

Although in his seventieth year, Sir Francis is the last man in the world to plead guilty to growing old. "Mr. Punch" is incapable of such an offence, and Sir Francis's writings have the same freshness about them as in the days of his "Happy Thoughts," which appeared in 1860, and ran through twenty editions.

Besides editing "Punch" for twenty-six years, Sir Francis has done many other things to add to the gaiety of nations. He has written nearly a hundred and fifty plays, chiefly burlesques and light comedies. His latest effort, in collaboration with others, is the present Drury Lane pantomime, "Cinderella."

#### Mistaken for Thackeray's Work.

It was in February, 1880, that Sir Francis succeeded Tom Taylor in the editorial chair, but he had been on the staff of "Punch" for years before that date. While in the 'twenties Sir Francis wrote for "Fun" for at least a year, and upon its proprietor refusing to accept a burlesque novelette he took it to Mark Lemon who then presided over "Mr. Punch's" fortunes.

This was "Mokema," and when it appeared in "Punch" Thackeray was credited with the authorship. The wit and versatility of the ambitious young author were then recognised, and won him a position his fitness for which he was not long in proving. The knighthood bestowed upon him four years ago was richly deserved.

Of his plays, his burlesque version of "Black-eyed Susan," ran for 300 nights at the Royalty Theatre. Among his works may be mentioned "The Modern Sandford and Merton," "New Light on Darkest Africa," "Strapmore," and "Ride to Khiva."

#### His Probable Successor.

The most probable successor to Sir Francis Burnand is Mr. Owen Seaman, who for four years has been assistant editor of "Punch." To look at he is very like a traditional John Bull: a sturdy, square-featured, clear-eyed, clean-shaven Englishman.

For a long time he has been writing clever, humorous verses. He made a great hit with his address to the German Emperor, in which occurred those famous lines:—

Nor were you meant to solve the nations' knots,  
Or be the earth's protector, willy-nilly;  
You only make yourself and royal Pots-  
dam silly.

He was at Shrewsbury School and at Cambridge, and drifted into journalism by accident after being a schoolmaster and a university extension lecturer. He is said to be a free trader. He likes chops and steaks. He is rising forty-five, and, according to "Who's Who," is married.

Of the other "Punch" writers, the wittiest is Mr. E. V. Lucas, who produced, with Mr. C. L. Graves, that very funny parody of the "Encyclopædia Britannica," called the "Insidecompleatuar Britannicware."

The art editor of the paper is Mr. F. H. Townsend, whose own drawings are always a delight, and who has already much improved the quality of the artists' work in "Mr. Punch's" pages.

### BALLOON IN THE STRAND

Nearly Falls on a Motor-Omnibus, Then Soars Away  
Into the Clouds.

Hundreds of people in the Strand yesterday afternoon were amazed to see a large balloon falling rapidly towards Kingsway.

There were cries of horror when it was seen to be making for a crowded motor omnibus, but suddenly sand-bags were thrown out, and, like a giant bird, the balloon shot upwards.

In the car were a man and a woman, the former, Mr. E. Rider Cook, an enthusiastic amateur balloonist, from Enfield, who had ascended about 1.30 o'clock from Putney.

The voyagers landed near Witham, after reaching an altitude of 9,300ft.

#### DOLL THAT REALISED £77.

At a trade charity raffle held by the Butchers' Institution a bullock realised £238, a watch £170, and a doll £77.

## MR. DE WEND-FENTON

Issues a Writ for Libel Against the Stewards  
of the Jockey Club.

Mr. F. de Wend-Fenton, who was "warned off" the Turf by the Jockey Club last autumn, has commenced an action for libel against the Stewards of the club and Messrs. Weatherby, the secretaries and publishers of the "Racing Calendar."

On inquiry last night of Messrs. Charles Russell and Co., the solicitors to the Jockey Club, the *Daily Mirror* was informed that a writ had been received, and it was further stated that the firm have retained Sir Edward Carson, K.C., M.P., Mr. C. F. Gill, K.C., and Mr. Charles Mathews as counsel.

The dispute arose, it will be remembered, over a match between Mr. De Wend-Fenton's Pich Battle and Lord Gerard's Pichari at Sandown Park on Friday, October 27, of last year, in which both parties to the match rode their own horses and Pichari won.

The Jockey Club sits in private, and nothing is known as to the character of the evidence which caused that body to issue its fiat of ostracism, expelling Mr. De Wend-Fenton, a very wealthy young man, from the Turf.

### THE QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL.

What the Trafalgar-square Entrance to the New  
"Processional Route" Will Be Like.

Public curiosity is being fully aroused as to the form the Queen Victoria Memorial will take at the east or Trafalgar-square entrance to the new "processional route."

The *Daily Mirror* understands that here a massive building in the Italian Renaissance School will be erected with semi-circular frontage both to the Mall and Trafalgar-square, leaving three drives underneath—the central one to be used only for royal processions. The building will be used as additional offices, forty in number, by the Admiralty.

### GULELESS LONDONERS.

Landlady's Simple Faith in a "Pensioner of the  
Doicora Light Infantry."

Gulelessness is apparently more common in London than to the superficial observer would suspect. A magistrate the other day remarked on the "child-like simplicity" of City jewellers, and yesterday Dr. Wynne Baxter, holding an inquest on the body of a child burned to death in the East End, had to comment on a manifestation of a similar quality.

A woman said she had agreed to keep the child for a week for a couple who stayed with her. The couple disappeared, and she heard no more of them until several months later, when a postal order for two shillings arrived.

Coroner: A sudden fit of generosity, I suppose. She had been told, she continued, that the man was a pensioner in the Doicora Regiment of Light Infantry.

The jury found that the child, "supposed to be Lillian Stubbs," was accidentally burned to death.

### HUSBAND'S SPITEFUL BEQUEST.

Leaves Hempen Rope to His Wife with the Hope  
That She Will "Use It Without Delay."

"The sum of 31d. for the purchase of a hempen cord or halter, for the use of my dear wife, which I trust she may make use of without delay," is the remarkable bequest of a testator, whose will was proved yesterday.

This recalls the will of a man, whose years ago, left to his wife the sum of one farthing, and ordered that it should be sent to her by post, in an unstamped envelope. He complained that she had called him an old pig.

The late Mr. Harrison Weir, the artist, has left estate worth £4,601 7s. 3d., out of which provision is made for a "Harrison Weir Bequest," for the purchase of pictures for the nation on the same lines as the Chantrey Bequest.

Mr. Benjamin Bennitt Coggins, a Leamington coachman, has left estate worth £1,787 18s. 2d.

### PASSION FOR "FREE RIDES."

Mr. R. J. Laidlaw, of Birchington, who was summoned yesterday at the Guildhall for failing to pay two cab fares, did not appear.

His wife wrote, stating that her husband came to London a short time back, and until now she had been unable to discover his whereabouts. He had a mania for riding in cabs and motor-cars without paying.

### MAJOR-GENERAL'S PATHETIC PLIGHT.

Judge Woodfall, at the Westminster County Court yesterday, rescinded a commitment order recently made against Major-General Barwell, late of the 52nd Foot.

The officer said that when he retired he had no pension, and was now living on loans from friends.

## WORKLESS TO WAIT.

The Rev. Russell Wakefield Blames  
the Unemployed Act.

### 150,000 WANT RELIEF.

The Act under which the Central (Unemployed) Body for London works seems to hamper that organisation in many ways. While the Act is being obeyed the workless starve.

Each district committee makes its own investigations into applications for assistance, and after the completion of these inquiries, the central body has to wait about four days more in making further investigation.

"It is the Act," said the Rev. Russell Wakefield, chairman of the central body, to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday. "We have to do this according to law, and there are many defects in this statute which we hope to have remedied in time."

"I have cases in my own district where men, long since registered, are waiting for relief. The law requires that we furnish certain kinds of work for certain kinds of people. My idea has been, and ever will be, that we cannot find enough of the right kind of work, and that it is better to give a few more work for eight to ten weeks, than a greater number work for a lesser time."

"We have registered 30,000 men, who support about 150,000 people, including themselves, and if we had been willing and able to divide the £48,000 at our disposal among them at once, what good could it have done them to receive about £1 12s. for each family?"

#### 300 Families Sent Abroad.

"We have in all about 3,000 men at work, and these, taking the extra salaries of gangers and foremen, will average ten shillings a week. Considering the duration of the work, this will amount to £40,000."

"Then our emigration estimates amount to £6,000, and in addition we have 265 men at work on new parks and gardens, so that it will be seen that we have undertaken the spending of more money than the Queen's Fund has granted to us."

"The rate of one-eighth of a penny which we have levied brings us in £25,000. Of this £6,000 has been accounted for in preparing and helping 300 families to go to Canada, while each of the thirty borough divisions has to establish and keep running a small labour and investigation bureau, with clerical help at an expense of, say, £200 each."

"There is also our central office with fourteen clerks, who are not only underpaid, but overworked."

Sir William Bull, M.P., who is acting as solicitor to the central body, volunteered the information that the clerks often had to send him five or six letters a day, involving intricate points of law, and demanding careful thought and study.

In fact, a great deal of the time of the central body, to judge from Sir William Bull, seems to be taken up in consulting him by letter.

### FROST PRESERVES SNOW MANTLE.

Most of the Country with a Wintery Aspect—  
Sunshine in the South.

Frost has kept on the ground in many districts the snow which has fallen heavily, and for the first time this season the country-side has a genuine wintery aspect.

It has experienced a recurrence of the freak storm of last week, hailing heavily to the accompaniment of thunder and lightning.

Bright weather was enjoyed over a large part of the south yesterday, the touch of frost in the morning giving an invigorating keenness to the air.

### RECORDER AS PROSECUTOR.

Imaginary Story of a Prevented Burglary Induces  
Well-Known Lawyer To Bestow a Shilling.

An ingenious system of obtaining money by false pretences is alleged against a Fulham labourer, named Sheldon, who was remanded at the West London Police Court yesterday.

Mrs. J. F. Torr, wife of the Recorder of Hastings, said that Sheldon called at her house in Kensington, and said that he had been instrumental in preventing a burglary there the previous night. He produced a broken file, which he said the burglars had left on the doorstep.

Mr. Torr then gave Sheldon a shilling, although his wife whispered to him: "I believe it's a fraud; only give him sixpence."

Mr. Creze, of Hammersmith, said prisoner told him a similar tale, and Inspector Collins said there would be other charges against Sheldon.

### EXPLOSION ON THE DISTRICT RAILWAY.

A gas explosion in a well near Earl's Court Station caused some alarm on the District Railway yesterday, but very little damage was done. Some beams became ignited, but the flames were soon extinguished.

## "CONVERSION BY ORDER."

Princess Ena's Adoption of the Roman Catholic  
Faith Solely a Matter of Conscience.

The Bishop of London's recently-expressed fear lest Princess Ena's admission to the Roman Catholic Church, on her marriage to King Alfonso, might be "conversion by order," is the subject of a letter to the "Times" from the Rev. Bernard Vaughan, the well-known Roman Catholic preacher.

"The Bishop of London," writes Father Vaughan, "need have no fear that 'conversion by order' can be effected from the Catholic side."

"Let the public rest assured that, before the Princess can be received into the Church, it will be the sacred duty of the authorities of that Church to have her solemn assurance that her present conscientious convictions oblige her to take the step."

"Is it too much to express a hope that the English public will leave unquestioned the inward motives which are beyond their discovery and no affair of theirs, and allow a lady, whatever be her rank, to settle so personal a matter as her reception into the Church with her own conscience?"

"If the Princess's convictions, after inquiring into the claims of the Church, remain Protestant, being an honourable lady, she will forego the contemplated alliance."

### SWINDLER AND CARDINAL.

Impostor Says He Is a Battenberg and A.D.C. to  
King Edward, and Borrows Money.

VALENCIA, Wednesday.—A person speaking Spanish with an English accent, either assumed or real, and describing himself as a member of the Battenberg family and an aide-de-camp to King Edward, has been victimising a large number of people in various Spanish towns.

At Toledo he was entertained to lunch at the Archbishop's residence by Cardinal Sancha, from whom he borrowed some money on the pretence that he had only English money. The police are searching for the man.—Reuter.

### DOOM OF AN UNKNOWN SHIP.

Skipper's Graphic Story of the Burning of a Large  
Sailing Vessel Off the Dutch Coast.

How a mysterious ship met her doom was graphically told by Skipper Gennery, of the trawler King George, at Grimsby yesterday.

On the night of February 2 he sighted a large sailing vessel on fire when his trawler was 180 miles east of Spurn Head, and off the Dutch coast. He approached as near as possible, and the flames had then reached a height of forty feet.

No one was noticed on board, and as the heat was intense the King George withdrew. When a mile distant from the burning ship the latter blew up, and the explosion was so violent that the trawler's lights were all extinguished.

Despite his efforts, the skipper was unable to obtain any clue to the nationality of the ship or the fate of her crew.

### ENGAGING SPANIARD'S LIFE OF CRIME.

Escapes from a French Prison Only To Be Sent to  
Penal Servitude in England.

"Out of the frying-pan into the fire" may be aptly applied to the case of John Lopes, a Spaniard, sentenced to seven years' penal servitude at Bristol Assizes yesterday.

It was stated that Lopes had been sent to penal servitude for life in France, but had escaped to this country.

He had been in the habit of visiting post-offices and purchasing postal orders amounting to thirty shillings, which were paid for with a good sovereign and a sixpence gifted to represent half a sovereign.

Mr. Justice Bucknill said that Lopes was a very clever criminal. He had handed him a letter from him. If he had loved her, however, he would not have brought her grief and pain.

### LOANS FROM THE KITCHEN.

An instance of a servant lending her master and mistress over £20 in the course of a month was forthcoming at Westminster County Court yesterday, when the domestic-financier was awarded a verdict for the sum named.

### FIRST GOOD MEAL FOR FIVE MONTHS.

As an excuse for smashing a window, Frederick Longe, who was yesterday sent to prison for two months at the Guildhall, declared that it was only by being arrested that he secured the first good meal he had had for five months.



## NEW IDEAS AND HOW THEY ARE STOLEN.

Story of a Composer, a Manager, and a Sheet of Manuscript Paper.

Great injustice is frequently suffered by inventors, authors, composers, and other people who depend upon ideas for their living. Ideas are their stock-in-trade, and yet they cannot protect them.

An instance of the pitfalls into which the unsuspecting composer may fall has just come to the notice of the *Daily Mirror*.

Two days ago a young musician who is rapidly making a name for himself as the composer of catchy melodies took a particularly clever song to a West End manager with a view of getting him to purchase it for production in a popular musical comedy. The success of the song, it should be mentioned, depended entirely upon the "catchy" idea embodied in the chorus.

When the composer was shown into the manager's room he was followed by a musician who was employed on the theatrical staff, and who took a seat on a lounge near the fire.

The composer played his song over to the obvious delight of the manager, who repeatedly cried, "Very pretty. Play the chorus again, Mr. —."

So he played the chorus over and over again, and wondered why such a proceeding was necessary, for managers seldom want to hear a song more than two or three times before they decide if it is good enough to produce.

The chorus had been played over at least a dozen times when the composer noticed in the polished frame of the piano the reflection of the other musician in the room. He was writing down a melody on a sheet of manuscript music paper!

### Words of Anger.

The composer jumped up, and, making some excuse or another, asked for a sheet of manuscript paper. The other musician, appealed to for a sheet, and knowing that the fact that he had some in his hand had been observed, had no alternative but to turn his own piece of paper over and offer that.

The manager's look of fear turned into one of anger when the composer turned the manuscript paper over again and exclaimed: "This man has been copying down my melody!"

Some silly explanation was made, but the composer did not accept it. In his anger he tore the sheet of paper into pieces, and, after some heated words, left the room.

Thanks to the stupidity of the law, he would have had no redress if the idea of his chorus had been stolen. The song, when re-written by the other musician and produced in the musical comedy, would have been the property of the manager.

## MYSTERY OF GORGEOUS GEMS.

Unknown "Lady of Title" Disposes of Suber Collection of Pearls and Other Jewels.

Amongst an exquisite collection of gems (including some personal adornments of the late Marquis of Anglesey) offered for sale yesterday at Christie's were five lots described as "the property of a lady of title."

Who the lady is was not disclosed, but it is certain that only a member of an extremely wealthy family could have owned such magnificent gems.

They consisted of a pearl rope, composed of 191 graduated pearls, two matchless tiaras, a brilliant necklace, and an emerald and diamond collar.

The collar was sold for £5,000, and one expert placed its value at at least twice that amount. The rope of pearls realised £220, and the tiaras over £6,000.

## DOGGED BY HIS WIFE'S FRIENDS.

Ex-Soldier Claims That He Was Imprisoned in an Asylum While Perfectly Sane.

Under very peculiar circumstances, a military-looking man, who said he had served in the Army, applied to the Willesden magistrates yesterday.

Two years ago his wife, in a jealous fit, left him, and threw in her lot with another soldier.

Then her lover shot her and himself. The lover died, but she recovered. Finding herself without support, she tried to return to her husband, but he refused to take her.

Her friends, therefore, had him put into an asylum, where, although he was sane, he was kept for four months. When he came out they continued to shadow him, and prevented him from getting work.

The magistrate informed the applicant that he was not bound to take back his wife. If he was molested again he could have a summons.

## "HOPELESS" AT SIXTEEN.

"A hopeless case" was the description given yesterday of Grace Loveday, who, though only sixteen, has been a voluntary inmate of the workhouse.

For refusing to perform her task she was sentenced to twenty-one days' hard labour at Stratford Police Court.

## WILLIAM THE BOATMAN'S KISS.

Lady Visitor to Teignmouth and Her Large-Hearted Companion Respectively Describe the Incident.

The lady and the boatman both gave evidence yesterday in the "Lady and Boatman" divorce case. Their demeanour in the witness-box was almost as diversified as their appearance.

Mrs. Bates, before she underwent the ordeal, had been sitting anxiously attending to a statement by Lord Coleridge. William, before the witness-box sustained his weight, had been stolidly refreshing himself with an orange.

Mrs. Bates had told her story eagerly, sometimes indignantly. William allowed an occasional pleasant smile to illumine his countenance.

The lady looks her character of an officer's daughter. She is far above the average height of women, and the grace of her movements was noticeable as she walked from the solicitors' table when her name was called. She was dressed smartly yet simply.

William caused some uneasiness as he marched to the witness-box with nautical gait. Would the structure bear him? people asked, for he is a boatman of exceptionally substantial and sturdy build.

### William's Sweetheart.

Before these two so different witnesses gave their several accounts, Lord Coleridge threw some interesting light on their line of defence. William, who is now a widower, was courting a young woman, who lived at Dawlish, he said. At the very hour when witnesses had thought they saw the

gone out with the boatman in his boat afterwards, and had allowed him to sit on the same seat with her in her mother's presence.

"If I had not gone out in the boat with him," the lady replied, "it would have been a matter for remark. When I was on the seat I was tired."

"But you could have told him that you wished to speak to your mother in private," persisted Mr. Rawlinson.

During Mrs. Bates's examination-in-chief she denied having walked "arm-in-arm" with the boatman, or having done any of the extraordinary things that humble frequenters of the "Den," the promenade at Teignmouth, had attributed to her.

### William's Luck with the Salmon.

As illustrating her life during the summer holiday at Teignmouth last year, Mr. Barnard, K.C.G., read the following letters from her to her husband:—

"To-day has been glorious, a regular summer's day. William called for orders in the morning; he was not going salmon-fishing until the afternoon."

William had a row, a long, hot job. He cannot get out of the way of calling me "Miss Edith." He called me "Miss Edith," and then he stopped and apologised. I told him I did not mind.

This afternoon we walked to Chorlton Bridge, and sat there. We met William on our way home. He had just finished his salmon-



MRS. BATES.



WILLIAM SHAPTER.

boatman and the lady together the former could prove that he was with a sweetheart of his own class.

By a strange coincidence there had been yet another woman who had added confusion to the story. A Mrs. O'Neill had been to a local hotel with a boatman, not William, and had also gone out in William's boat. Thus arose a charge in the petition which had now been dropped.

The two periods that stood out in importance in the day's proceedings were when Mrs. Bates and William gave their separate accounts of the kiss which is "common ground." Mr. Bates's side says that this kiss was one of many. Mrs. Bates's case declares that the lady was an unwilling recipient; that she was kissed when she was off her guard; and that she resented the impertinence.

Here are the two accounts:—

### THE KISS ACCORDING TO MRS. BATES.

"He was sitting by the sail, and I was sitting by the tiller, steering. I was crying. He came towards me, and I thought he was going to untie a rope. He suddenly leant over and kissed me. I said to him, 'William, you forget yourself. What would my husband say?' I think he sat by my side until we got back to the shore."

### The Kiss Still Unforgiven.

In cross-examining Mrs. Bates Mr. Rawlinson said: "Have you forgiven him for the liberty he took?" Mrs. Bates hesitated, and asked whether the question was fair.

"Well, what do you think?" said Mr. Rawlinson gently. "I don't think it affects the case," objected Mrs. Bates.

Mr. Rawlinson repeated the question, courteously, but with the air of a man who must have an answer, and Mrs. Bates then said: "No, I have not."

The cross-examiner followed this up by pointing out that Mrs. Bates had by her own admission

fishing, and had been lucky. He had caught eleven fish already this week. I have never ceased to regret my hasty words. They were not meant. That is the worst of temper.

Darling, darling husband, I can only ask you to forgive me and forget. I shall now before long become the mother of your child.

### "So Angry with Maude."

I was so angry with Maude the other day. She wrote to the General, and said you were coming home. She went on as if you were a millionaire. You could not be called extravagant for taking what was due and coming back.

In the afternoon we did not go out, as May G— came over from Dawlish. She did nothing but talk about her children. I hope I shall not be so foolish. At six my mother and I went up the river. It was perfectly lovely.

Another letter, dated from Teignmouth, Mr. Barnard argued, showed that the writer could not have been with the boatman at Dawlish, as had been charged against her on that date.

In the course of his cross-examination of Mrs. Bates, Mr. Rawlinson suggested that Miss Maude Dobson, Mrs. Bates's sister, disapproved of her acquaintance with the boatman. In support of this suggestion counsel read a passage from a note Mrs. Bates had written to a friend:—

"It is really sickening. I should like to shake her (Mrs. Bates's sister Maude). She will not say 'Good morning' or 'Good evening' to William because mother and I have helped him in various ways. Of course, he notices it, and said to me one day that he did not know what he had done to offend Miss Maude. It is just the same with anybody else whom I like or who likes me."

Asked by Mr. Rawlinson to explain references to "forgiveness" in her letters to her husband, Mrs. Bates said that she was thinking of quarrels that arose from her admission that the boatman had kissed her.

William's denials at the end of the sitting were given in a breezy style and boatman's language. For instance, when he was asked whether he had ever walked about with Mrs. Bates he replied: "Not as I know on." The case was adjourned.

## TEN-SHILLING EGGS.

Countryside Searching Eagerly for the First from Plovers' Nests.

Country people in the south are at present keeping a keen outlook for plovers' nests, in the hope of having the good fortune to be the first to discover a "golden egg" for dispatch to London.

The first plover's egg to be discovered is considered "golden" by farm labourers, as sometimes as much as 10s. is given for it—no considerable sum in their eyes.

It is yet rather early to expect to find such eggs, but the labourers do not wish to let any chance slip.

The first plover's egg reached a West End dealer from Salisbury on March 14 last year, and was at once dispatched to Buckingham Palace. Its price was 6s.

Next day a message came to procure, if possible, half a dozen eggs for the King's breakfast the next morning. Telegrams were dispatched all over the country, but not a single egg was obtained.

Two eggs made their appearance four days later, and they were sent to the Palace. Ten eggs came two days later, and by April they were plentiful, their price falling from £3 10s. a dozen to 3s. 6d.

Queen Victoria was particularly fond of plovers' eggs, and there was always great excitement among farm labourers as to who should find "the Queen's egg."

## PRIMA DONNA'S ACTION FAILS.

Salary Not Legally Due for a Long Period of Absence Through Illness.

Mme. Augusta Renard, an operatic contralto, failed to recover damages from the Carl Rosa Opera Company in the King's Bench Division yesterday.

Her action was brought on the ground of wrongful dismissal and libel. She was engaged at £8 per week to undertake the leading parts on a provincial tour, but after performing for some weeks was taken ill.

She wrote that she would reappear at Brighton, but the manager terminated the engagement under a clause in the agreement which disallowed more than a fortnight's absence. Despite this her name appeared on the bills, and her counsel said this was a libel.

Mr. Justice Lawrence said there was no libel, and ruled that Mrs. Renard was only entitled to claim salary for the week her name appeared on the bills at Brighton. After consultation judgment, by agreement, was given for the defendants without costs.

## PROPOSED TO A DOCTOR'S WIFE.

Mr. Justice Deans Points Out How Anonymous Letters Usually Defeat Their Object.

After a hearing of several days the petition of Dr. Bayfield, of Wimbledon, for a divorce from his wife was granted by Mr. Justice Baggallay Deane yesterday.

The co-respondent was Mr. Webley, an employee at the Worthing Gas Works, whom Mrs. Bayfield met when she went to Worthing after a separation from her husband. Mr. Webley, thinking she was a widow, made her an offer of marriage.

During yesterday's hearing the Judge recalled Mrs. Scott, a daughter of the petitioner, and asked her if she was the writer of an anonymous letter he had received. This she denied.

The Judge observed that it was very wrong to send anonymous letters to a Judge. It would have no effect on his mind, but, as a rule, the effect of the receipt of such a letter was to put one against the side the writer seemed to support.

## BOY'S LONG LIST OF CONVICTIONS.

Addressing a boy named Bushnell, who was convicted at the Mansion House of breaking a window, Alderman Sir Henry Knight said he regretted he could not sentence him to more than two months' hard labour. An extraordinary list of convictions was proved against Bushnell, one of which was setting fire to letters in a pillar-box.

## NEW SERIAL By "Q."

A new Serial by A. T. QUILLER COUCH ("Q."), entitled

"POISON ISLAND," begins in this month's

"LONDON MAGAZINE."

Out To-day. Price 4d.

## TOILING FOR A PENNY AN HOUR.

It was stated of a woman who applied yesterday to the Lambeth Guardians that she had earned only 11s. 10d. for 121 hours' work at trouser-finishing.

## THE KING'S OLDEST SUBJECT.

James McNally, an inmate of the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Meadow-road, South Lambeth, enters to-day upon his 110th year.



## 50,000,000 PICTURE POSTCARDS.

### Typical American Scheme for the Roosevelt Wedding.

### "ALLUS" TIES AND BOOTS

The chief Postmaster at Washington is so worried that it is said he has not slept for a fortnight. He is trying to solve the most difficult problem that has ever robbed him of a night's rest.

By Saturday morning's first post it is expected 50,000,000 picture postcards will arrive at Washington bearing the same name and address. Each will be directed to—

Miss ALICE ROOSEVELT,  
The White House,  
Washington.

The postcards will bear upon the back a picture of Mr. "Nick" Longworth and his bride, and, in addition, a message of congratulation from the sender.

Some genius, whose mental balance is open to question, conceived the brilliant idea that picture postcards should be used to show America's delight at the forthcoming marriage, and—probably because it was a "crank" notion—the whole nation seized upon it and started buying postcards.

Ever since factories have been working day and night to cope with the demand, and meanwhile the Postmaster at Washington has been tearing his hair.

#### NO ONE WILL SEE THEM.

How he is to convey the tons of postcards from the stations to the post-office, and from thence to the White House, he hasn't the least idea. All his efforts to arrange for their conveyance are likely to be wasted, however, for it is scarcely likely that Miss Roosevelt will see one of them. Probably the letter-sorters are the only people who will.

The dealers in postcards are the only people who are likely to benefit.

Thousands of other shopkeepers, however, are profiting in other ways, for the whole American nation is buying "Allus" brands of everything. The following are exceedingly popular:—

"Allus" shoes.	"Allus" cocktails.
"Allus" neckties.	"Allus" lap-dogs.
"Allus" waltzes.	"Allus" scent.
"Allus" brooches.	"Allus" wedding-cake.
"Allus" candy.	"Allus" thimbles.
"Allus" bird-of-paradise plumage.	"Allus" walking-sticks for women.

Miss Roosevelt's decision that she will have no bridesmaids is regarded as a very wise move on her part, as it would be practically impossible for her to make a selection from her innumerable girl friends without creating a great deal of jealousy and ill-feeling.

The other great difficulty—that of who should be invited to the wedding—has caused terrible heart-burning, and half the police of the city will be on duty outside the White House in order to prevent rioting similar to that which disgraced the Roxburgh wedding.

### REVOLUTION IN THE DOG WORLD.

Mr. Cruft's Great Show Illustrates Some Remarkable Changes in Fashion.

One speedily realises how the dog has risen in public estimation on visiting the exhibition which Mr. Charles Cruft opened in the Agricultural Hall yesterday, to continue to-day and to-morrow.

Since the veteran held his first show twenty-two years ago the exhibition has increased every year in the number of its entries, and has absolutely changed in the character and social status of the exhibitors.

Take the bulldog, for instance. Thirty years ago or so, "Stonchenge," the great authority on dogs of that day, gave only a reluctant page or two of his manual to this splendid breed, saying that no man who did not desire to pose as a patron of brutality would be seen in company with so degraded an animal.

Now the bulldog is one of the most popular of all breeds of dogs, and his gentleness and intelligence are as well recognised as the unbeatable pluck which made him the pet of the sporting navy and collier. There are 275 bulldogs in Cruft's Show this year, and many distinguished exhibitors.

The French have taken to breeding him, and the French bulldog forms a "class" of his own.

#### ARCHDEACON SIGHS FOR VALENTINES.

Archdeacon Fletcher made a regretful reference to the neglect of St. Valentine at the opening, yesterday, of St. Matthew's Church Bazaar, Blackburn.

"It is a pity," he said, "that young men no longer give presents to young women on February 14."

## LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

The 4th Royal Dublin Fusiliers were declared yesterday the best shooting battalion in the Militia for 1905.

The schooner Advance foundered off Bardsey Island, Wales, yesterday, but the crew were rescued by the steamer Lestras.

Mr. Percy A. Glennison, a Brighton gentleman, was yesterday thrown from his horse in Park-lane, sustaining a fractured shoulder and other injuries.

Josephine Nairns, described as an actress, and her mother, Nina Nairns, were yesterday fined at Liverpool for fortune-telling with a saucer of coffee beans.

Sacco, the fasting man at the Royal Italian Circus, completed his twenty-seventh day without food yesterday, but in his doctor's opinion was in a feeble condition.

At yesterday's meeting of the Great Northern, Piccadilly, and Brompton (Tube) Railway, Sir Henry Fowler said that at the next meeting of the company it would be possible to state when the line would be completed.

Incandescent mantels, giving gas the premier place as an artificial light, said Sir George Livesey, at yesterday's meeting of the South Metropolitan Gas Company, are making the position of the company absolutely secure.

For refusing to grind some coffee an able-bodied young man of twenty-three, who has been maintained in the workhouse for twelve months at the expense of Marybone ratepayers, was sentenced yesterday to twenty-one days' imprisonment.

Lord Curzon arrived in London yesterday afternoon from the Continent, where he has been enjoying a holiday since Christmas.

The Bishop of Exeter has licensed a deaconess for work in the parish of Ford, this being the first occasion on which a lady has been so licensed in his diocese.

Lord Roberts will next Sunday unveil a memorial at the Guards' Chapel, Wellington Barracks, to the officers and men of the Guards Battalions who fell in South Africa.

Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son will, after the March quarter, cease to hold the Manchester South Junction Railway bookstalls, which have been let to Messrs. Wyman.

Southwark Borough Council has declined to pass a resolution prohibiting the mayor and deputy mayor from accepting any paid post in connection with the public work of the borough.

Spurgeon's Tabernacle congregation now numbers 3,138, having increased by 203 during the last year, thus easily maintaining its position as the largest Nonconformist congregation in South London.

Owing to the illness of Mr. A. A. Hopkins, Lambeth Police Court was without a magistrate, yesterday, until noon, when, in response to a telegram sent to Bow-street, Mr. Fenwick attended.

Four days have been occupied by the address of Mr. Atherley Jones, K.C., concluded yesterday, in the copyright case between Messrs. Ward, Lock, and Co. and the Operative Printers' Assistants' Society, the hearing of which was again adjourned.

### MR. OWEN SEAMAN, ASSISTANT EDITOR OF "PUNCH."



With the retirement of Sir Francis Burnand from the editorial chair of "Punch," announced at the weekly "Punch" dinner last night, it is more than probable that Mr. Owen Seaman, the assistant-editor, may fill his place.—(Elliott and Fry.)

Cordite-street is the name given to a new thoroughfare near Woolwich Arsenal.

Local men only will, as far as possible, be employed in building the new Lambeth Town Hall at Brixton.

The Local Government Board has refused to allow Harrogate Corporation to charge for admission to the Valley Gardens.

The Earl of Londesborough has almost recovered from the serious illness which has confined him for some weeks to his London house.

The Home Secretary has reprieved H. C. Taylor, sentenced to death at the Bucks Assizes for the murder of his sweetheart at Lent Rise.

Kensington Borough Council has declared against a tramway through Church-street and Silver-street, proposed by the County Council.

The Church of England Waifs and Strays Society has received grants from the Cutlers', Merchant Tailors', Mercers', and Brewers' Companies.

Sir Frederick Treves has been appointed chairman of the committee of the National Health Society, in succession to the Rev. Prebendary Ridgeway.

Against the London County Council Electric Supply Bill seventy-five petitions, including some from borough councils, electric supply companies, and railway companies, have already been lodged.

Owing to the success attendant upon their late venture at the Great Queen-street Theatre, the English Drama Society has decided to give a private performance of "Ghosts" at the King's Hall (the National Sporting Club) on March 11. Ibsen's masterpiece will be produced by Mr. Nugent Monck. The rôle of Mrs. Alving will be in the hands of Miss Madge McIntosh.

There are thirty-five cases of scarlet fever at the Norwood Poor-law Schools.

Islington Guardians have spent £200 in maintaining the family of a man who has just been imprisoned for deserting his wife.

Permission to play the game of "spiro-pole" at Hilly Fields, Brockley, has been granted by the L.C.C. Parks Committee.

Owing to representations by the Irish executive, no more prosecutions, it is stated, will be instituted by the police in connection with Erse names on carts.

St. Pancras children are being encouraged to learn to swim by the gift of free passes to the borough council's baths to all school-children who win swimming races.

The House of Keys has approved a proposition to impose estate duties in the Isle of Man, as in England, but it will not be put into effect until the island requires further revenue.

Among the well-known people who will, this year, celebrate their golden weddings are Professor Sir William and Lady Crookes, Sir John and Lady Strachey, and Lord and Lady Amherst.

Mr. Nat Goodwin will next Thursday, at the Shaftesbury Theatre, revive Madeleine Ryley's popular comedy, "An American Citizen." "The Heroic Stubbs" will be withdrawn at Terry's next Monday week.

Mr. Freeman Wright, the popular baritone, is going to sing Miss Ethelwyn Arnold's beautiful song, "God Panted a Star," at the National Sunday League Concert, at the Queen's Hall, on February 18, accompanied by the full orchestra and organ. This will, no doubt, be much appreciated. The song has been published by the Willis Music Company, Limited.

## THEATRES AND MUSIC-HALLS.

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## "LOWEST ON RECORD."

THERE have been wails about the decreasing number of births for a long time past. The latest figures make it officially plain that the English birth-rate during 1905 was smaller than it has ever been since records began to be kept.

Now what does this mean?

The Bishops say it means people are growing more selfish. They prefer being comfortable with a small family to being uncomfortable with a large one.

Philosophers say that the English nation has become wiser. Education has made it realise many facts to which it was blind before. One of those facts is that a big population on a small island means low wages and wretched conditions of life.

The reason of this is plain. Two men and one job implies bad pay for the man who gets the job. He is at his employer's mercy. If he grumbles, out he goes. There is always the other man waiting about, ready to take his place.

If the other man were not available—that is, if the numbers of the population about tallied with the number of jobs—then the employee could bargain with the employer on equal terms.

Another reason suggested for the declining birth-rate is that the nation's vitality is becoming weaker. Yet another—that women are obliged to compete with men and lose the taste for domestic life. They want to rule the world by a more direct means than cradle-rocking.

All these causes, however, are secondary, subsidiary. They do not go to the root of the matter. The real reason for the decline of the birth-rate is that England is going down the hill.

That sounds serious, doesn't it? Don't be alarmed though; we may very likely be a Great Power for another hundred years at least. And even then we shall still get along quite happily, perhaps even more happily than before.

A nation which is destined to grow greater and greater still must have a constantly increasing population. It must have plenty of men to be killed in its battles, plenty to leave their homes and plant their country's flag in far-off climes.

Englishmen are nothing like so ready as they once were to be killed in battle; nor so ready to colonise remote parts of the earth. They will do both bravely, if they find it necessary; but they don't fight Nature and other men just for the love of it any more.

That shows we have had our day as a World-conqueror. Our dream of Empire is fading. No use blinking the fact. England's greatest moments lie behind her, not in front.

Is this a bad thing for the English race? By no means. As men and women, we shall probably be better fed, better housed, better clothed, better educated than we have ever been before.

It is not the countries with the most glorious history which have the most contented populations. "Happy the nation which has no history," says the proverb.

England is a great and wealthy country now, but that does not mean that her population is prosperous, or how could we account for the Unemployed?

When England is a small country, say, like Switzerland, the Unemployed difficulty (along with many others) will long—wonderfully—exist. So, indeed, shall we—unless someone shows us how to live two or three hundred years.

H. H. F.

## A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

It is not enough not to do; you are bound to act.—*Nassini*.

## THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG and her daughter were, it is said, terribly afflicted by reporters, and by the agents of the great shops in Paris, during their short stay in the city on their way from Biarritz. Those in waiting upon them must have suffered a great deal, if one is to judge by expressions, with what seemed like a tinge of remorse in them, that appeared in the French papers, to the effect that the attendant officials "looked sad, but were polite."

Princess Ena is, of course, doubly interesting to the Parisians—because she is engaged (and therefore will be expected to buy all kinds of expensive things), and also because she is the protégée of the Empress Eugénie, for whom French people have the kind of sympathy they generally get to feel for the great unfortunates of their history. A figure well calculated to appeal to sentiment is this of the lonely woman whom Parisians occasionally catch sight of, looking strangely young and diminutive, as she prays at Notre Dame or drives in the Bois. It is an open secret that the Empress is expected to leave a great part of her fortune to Princess Ena.

Perhaps, in doing this, she is only paying, to the best of her power, the debt she owed to Queen

Victoria. The late Queen was always her true friend, and showed this from the moment when the two (who were, one must admit, most different in character and aims) met in Paris. The Empress received Queen Victoria with a great show of hospitality, and, when evil days came, the latter could scarcely show her enough sympathy. The incident of her visit to the fallen Empress after the tragic death of the Prince-Imperial is well known. Princess Henry of Battenberg was the Queen's favourite daughter after Princess Alice's death. Now, in making her daughter a rich woman, the Empress Eugénie is, in a sense, paying a belated compliment to a dead friend.

Mr. Edward Dawney, the victim of the latest jewel robbery, is a brother of Lord Downe, the well-known soldier peer, who is famous also as a racing enthusiast, and one of the most prominent members of the Turf and Jockey Clubs. Mr. Dawney's case is only the last of a long series of instances of valuable bags being stolen out of trains while the owners perambulate the platform, waiting for their trains to start. Perhaps in time people will begin to realise that there is no place so unsuitable for the deposition of valuables as a railway carriage.

Nor very long ago a rather absurd instance occurred of a theft of this sort. A lady well known in society had left her pet dog, asleep in a basket

lined with fur, in the train, while she went to inquire after some luggage. When she came back the dog was gone. She was inconsolable, though her friends, who heartily detested the cantankerous little animal, and had probably all been bitten by it at least once, were inclined to feel relief. Dog-stealing is a profitable occupation.

Mrs. Browning, when she was Miss Elizabeth Barrett, and lived with her father in Wimpole-street, lost the celebrated, never-to-be-forgotten Flush, the dog who had been her faithful companion through many months of illness, through the professional dog-stealers. She was getting into a carriage for a drive, and Flush was waiting behind to follow her. When she turned round the dog had gone, having presumably been spirited away by some vagabond passing. Mrs. Browning only got Flush back after certain sinister threats had been sent her, intimations that she would receive a bit of him—ear, toe, or skin—if she did not send a good sum of money at once. This she did, and received the un mutilated Flush soon afterwards.

In "La Marche Nuptiale" the play which is to be produced at the New Royalty to-night, M. Henri Batille is said to have fitted Mlle. Bady with a part exactly suited to her temperament.

## WHAT THE BEEFEATERS FAILED TO FIND.



"Every session, on the day Parliament assembles, Beefeaters solemnly search the vaults beneath to see that no Guido Faux lurks there with fell explosives. This has been done ever since the death of Gunpowder Plot."—History of England.

France is the home of dramatic tailors, of writers who can judge exactly of an actor's or an actress's capacity and provide opportunity to develop it. M. Sardou is the most expert of all such playwrights, and the "goods" he supplied to Mme. Sarah Bernhardt (La Tosca, Fédon, Théodora) and to Mme. Réjane (Madame Sans-Gêne) have nearly always fitted perfectly.

M. Henri Batille is, however, far more than a maker to order of this kind. He has originality, is even eccentric, and his dramatic beginnings with "La Lépreuse" and "Ton Sang" were worthy of the best traditions of the Théâtre Libre, which was founded by Antoine mainly for the encouragement of the odd and the horrible. M. Batille's play is to run at the Royalty during the rest of the week. Then, on Monday, comes Mme. le Bargy, in the first piece ever written by the very clever young author of "La Rafale." This latter play has, I hear, been bought by Mrs. Patrick Campbell for production in London.

Regarding the interesting announcement that Mr. Martini Harvey will add "The Corsican Brothers" to his repertoire on his autumn tour, we learn that some time ago the popular actor was presented by Mr. J. A. Kennedy with Charles Kean's own prompt-book, containing every minute detail of his production. It has naturally stimulated Mr. Harvey's desire to revive the play.

## THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

## THE CRUELTY OF FASHION.

Is it not in the power of some large society, such as the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to stop the birds from being killed, as it does not seem any use trying to appeal to the heartless women, who do, and always will, continue to buy them while they are on sale? F. HAYWARD.  
 South Belgrave.

The "wanton slaughter" of birds for the sake of their feathers, which Mr. Clemo denounces, is no more cruel than fox-hunting, coursing hares, and very many other customs which are indulged in by the rich for their amusement, and which custom and tradition rightly endorse.  
 D. Z. BEAUMONT.  
 Norwood.

Mr. Clemo knows that the majority of "ospreys" are "manufactured," and never grow on a bird at all, but on a horse.

Also, as the bird named is a tropical one, and cannot live in England, why should we not enjoy its beauty; and how else could we better do so than by displaying it in the form of feminine glorification?

Lastly, is it more cruel to shoot these birds for their beauty than to kill the skylark for eating purposes? HUMANE MILLINER.  
 Piccadilly.

## STARVING CLERGYMEN.

A salary of £150 a year means regular wages at close on 43 10s. per week, and the vicarage house rent free, and in most places a Sunday set apart for a collection for the clergy, which brings the living up in most cases to over £200 per annum, and no rent to pay.

Our Saviour Himself was a carpenter's son, living a simple life. "The clergy have their position to keep up," I hear some say. There has been too much of that instilled into our minds for years past.

How many of our drapers' assistants, clerks, and others have to keep up appearances with a wife and family on 30s. per week? What true sympathy do they get from many persons?  
 Cambridge. ONE WITH THE PEOPLE.

## THE CHURCH AND THE POOR.

I cannot see much point in Mr. Mills's letter in your issue of yesterday as to the preference amongst poor people for plain services.

If a Low Church service is well conducted—and so much here depends upon the clergyman—it may have, as your correspondent says, the one advantage of permitting the poor man to "join in the singing."

But, to balance this, there is the dreary "Sunday-go-to-meeting" atmosphere, commonplace tunes, bare walls—a place where it needs an effort of faith, indeed, to imagine anything Divine. A Ritualistic service, on the other hand, even if some of it is incomprehensible to the poor, has an elevation and dignity about it well able to lift them above this "ignorant present," and soothe them in preparation for the labours of the world.  
 Sloane-street. E. J. M.

## A MAN OF THE MOMENT.

## The Marquis of Lansdowne.

THE longexpected meeting of the Unionist Party is to take place at Lansdowne House to-day. Certainly, there could be no house more likely to inspire the wounded in battle with courage for a new fight than this, and no host better able to rally them than the owner of it.

The house was a Liberal fortress once, when Lord Lansdowne served under Gladstone. It is strange, after so many vicissitudes, to remember that he began life as "one of Gladstone's young men."

He had always been marked out for the Foreign Secretaryship. Jowett, his tutor at Oxford, had prophesied that he would rise to that position "whichever party he chose."

The cunning Balfour prophet was right. Lord Lansdowne held high positions in Liberal Administrations, and became Governor-General of Canada (1883-8) before the great Home Rule break-up of 1885.

When that crisis came, to show that, as Jowett had said, it did not matter "which party he chose," he went over to Gladstone's foes, and became Viceroy of India (1888-94), War Minister (1895-1900), and finally Foreign Secretary (1900-5), in spite of his change of front. On the whole, the last position has suited him best, if only because it is the one which has given him the best opportunity of displaying his absolutely faultless French accent, and of signing the treaty with Japan.

## IN MY GARDEN.

FEBRUARY 14.—Snow is falling; the garden has a truly wintry appearance. The snow makes the garden quite a fairy place. The dead-white walks, the half-hidden grass, the laden evergreens, all are beautiful. Snowdrops, struck by the cold, lie helplessly on the ground; primroses lift up their pale faces to the grey sky.

Yet even the snow cannot give the garden the real look of winter. In the wood hundreds of daffodils can be seen, while the blue of many a sheltered violet is discernible. By south walls the first yellow crocuses raise lamps of spring. E. F. T.



# SNAP SHOTS

## WATER FROM NORTH WALES FOR LIVERPOOL.



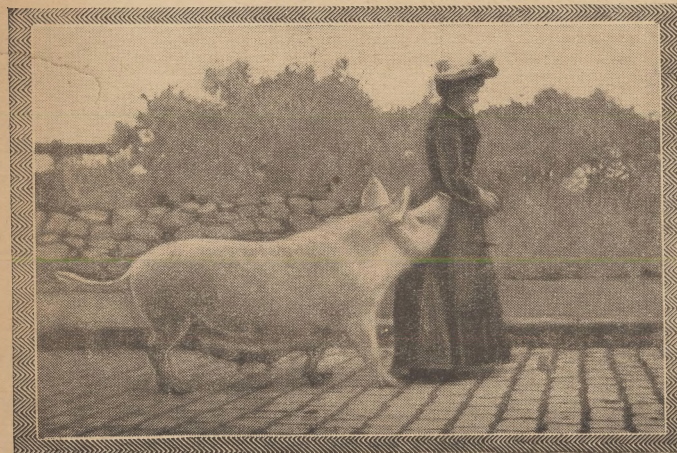
Alderman Burgess, chairman of the Liverpool Water Committee, turning on the water from Lake Vrynmay, in North Wales, into the Runcorn Reservoir. Each day 300,000 gallons will flow through the main now opened.

## SOUTH BEAT MIDLANDS AT LADIES' HOCKEY.



By beating the Midlands at Richmond the South of England now holds the championship for ladies' hockey. The photograph shows the Midland goal being attacked.

## PET PIG WALKING WITH ITS MISTRESS.



Near Blackburn may be seen a pet pig walking out with its mistress. The pig has been reared by hand, will run in answer to a call, and follows like a dog.

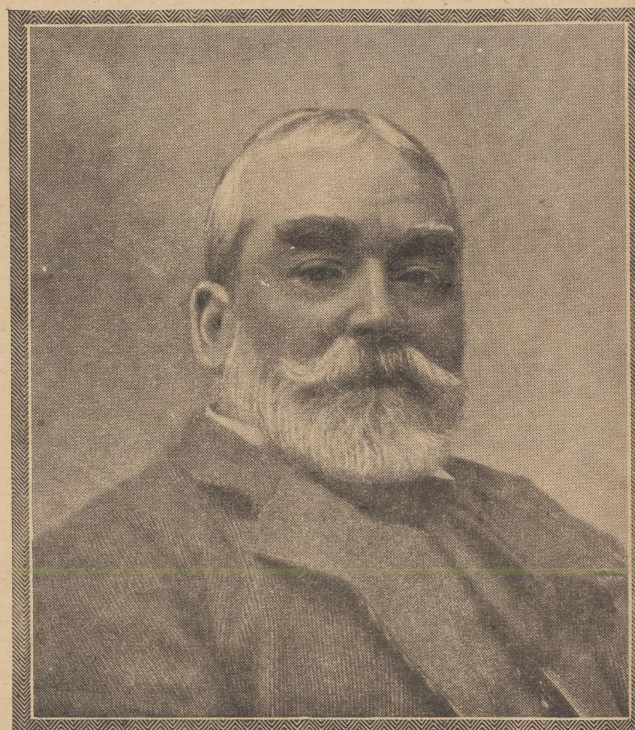
# THE LATEST NEWS in P

## MR. BALFOUR UNANIMOUSLY CHOSEN TO



Sir John Puleston presided yesterday afternoon at the Guildhall Tavern at a meeting of the City of London Conservative Association, when Mr. Balfour was unanimously

## SIR F. BURNAND RETIRES FROM "PUNCH" EDITORSHIP.



At the usual weekly "Punch" dinner, held last night in Bouverie-street, the fact was made known that Sir Francis Burnand will retire from the editorship. He has written over a hundred and fifty plays, and was part-author of the Drury Lane pantomime now running.—(Elliott and Fry.)



# PICTURES

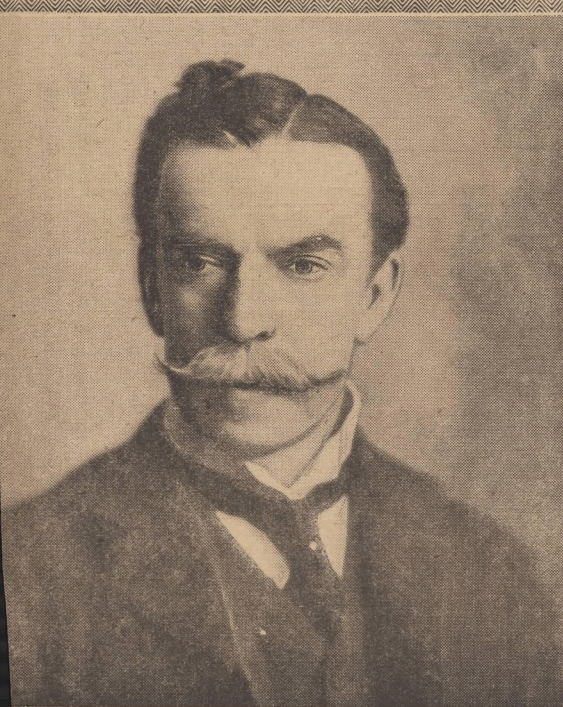


REPRESENT THE CITY IN PARLIAMENT.



Chosen as the nomination of the association in the place of Mr. Alban Gibbs, who has announced his intention of retiring. Mr. Balfour is marked above by a cross.

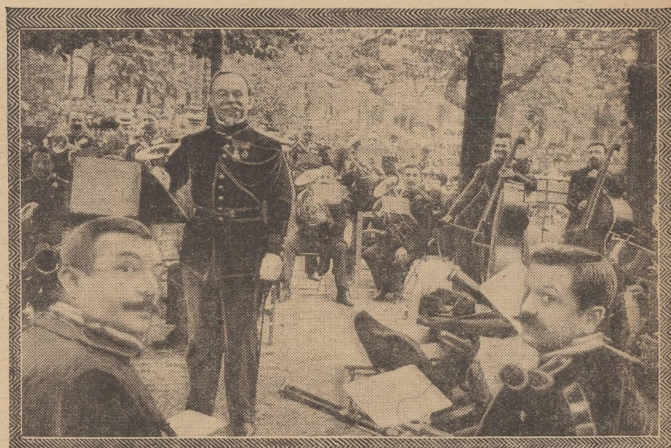
THE RIGHT HON. A. F. JEFFREYS, M.P., DEAD.



Chairman of the House of Commons, and returned at the elections member for the Southern Division of Hampshire, Mr. A. F. Jeffreys has not lived to see the opening of Parliament. He was born on April 7, 1848, and in his college days, at Oxford, was a prominent athlete and cricketer. He has also played for Hampshire County.

# PHOTOGRAPH

GARDE REPUBLICAINE BAND IN LONDON.

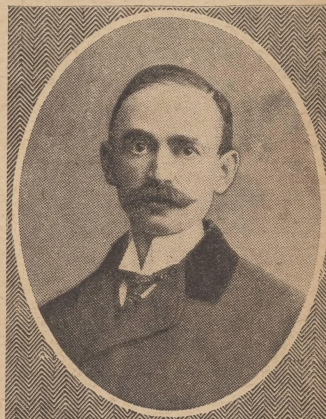


Commencing on Saturday, the band of the Garde Republicaine of Paris, eighty strong, will give twenty promenade concerts at Covent Garden Theatre. The photograph shows the band, conducted by M. Gabriel Parès, playing in the Jardin du Palais-Royal, Paris.

TO-DAY'S WEDDING.

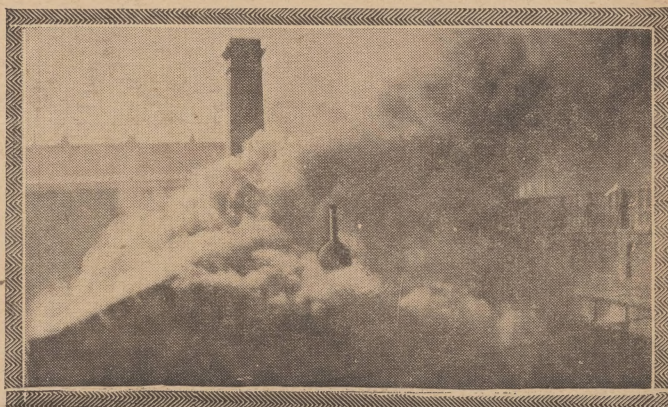


Miss Pauline Brouncker, daughter of the late Henry Brouncker, J.P., of Boveridge Park, Dorset, to be married to—



—Mr. Ormerod Watson, of Parincea, Roumania, to-day, at St. George's, Hanover-square.—(Thomson.)

DISTRICT RAILWAY ELECTRIC POWER STATION ON FIRE.



Simultaneously with the news being ticked out by the tape machine that a fire, followed by an explosion, had broken out in the electric power house of the District Railway at Earl's Court, the above photograph reached the *Daily Mirror* office.



# THE BROKEN LAW.

By J. B. HARRIS-BURLAND.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

## The Purification of the Press.

During the next three months events moved rapidly, and at the end of that period Father Francis was one of the most notable men in England.

The capitulation of Mr. Mallard was the first victory in a war that was destined to shake the whole newspaper world to its foundation. The proprietor of the "Daily Biograph" was a shrewd man, and he resolved to make the best of a bad business.

He was the first in the field, and knew the value of self-advertisement. He contributed a long article to the number which introduced the change in the policy of the paper. It was a very striking article, and its language left nothing to be desired, being the work of Mr. Pritchard, who was a man of high literary talents.

In a column and a half of superb English Mr. Mallard explained that the time had come when it was necessary to reform the whole character of journalism. The Press, he explained, was the greatest power in the world. It ought to be used for the good of the community. In future the "Daily Biograph" would strive to attain a high ideal, to lead men's thoughts to a higher plane. He was proud to be the pioneer of a movement which was destined to revolutionise the whole Press. At any cost he was resolved to do his duty to himself and his fellow-men, and so on, and so on, till he reached the great appeal to the British public which formed the peroration of his article.

The first number of the revised "Daily Biograph" raised a chaos of criticism and ridicule. For a few days the demand for the paper rose above the capacity of the printing presses. Then there came a deluge of indignant letters from "old subscribers." The circulation began to sway slowly downwards. But Mr. Mallard worked like a hero, and he stopped the fall. The paper simply revelled in every conceivable form of virtue, presented in the most attractive paragraphs. Mr. Lampirthy drove round to the offices of the paper, and knocked off another 21 per cent. from the price of paper. Mr. Mallard began to see that virtue was not such an unprofitable thing after all.

Then came the surrender of the "Morning Telephone," and people began to wonder what kind of madness had suddenly bitten the minds of London editors. This great journal was in the awkward position of not being the first in the field, but it made the best of matters. It explained that for many years it had held these high ideals, but that it had only waited for an opportunity. The time was now ripe, and, therefore—and so on, and so on, in in columns of turgid prose.

After that the great papers of London and the provinces succumbed with startling rapidity. Mr. Lampirthy moved among them like a hurricane. Some of them demurred, others gave in without a struggle. When they realised the truth they were eager enough to make the change. The longer they delayed, the less merit they could claim for their "heartfelt conversion to the cause of Truth."

The reading public were completely staggered by the extraordinary conduct of their favourite journals. Those who wanted betting news and Stock Exchange quotations, and sensation, and crime, and the spicy details of divorce transferred their allegiance elsewhere. But the ground was continually being knocked from under their feet. Some of the smaller newspapers blossomed out like full-blown pink roses. Then came the day when they either disappeared or followed the lead of their greater rivals.

The only papers which survived the avalanche of Mr. Lampirthy's wealth were those which had their own mills. They made money, but they were the mark for a thousand shafts. They stood out as islands of mud in a sea of pure water. And they were not entirely free from the grip of Mr. Lampirthy's fingers. When their machinery wore out they would be helpless. He hung a two-edged sword over their heads, and the threat that supported it was very thin.

And all this time Mr. Lampirthy was in his element. Never, in the whole long course of his financial career, had he found himself in the thick of so gigantic a conflict. Battle was meat and drink to the man, and here was as hot and exciting a contest as the fiercest soldier could desire. It consisted in engagement after engagement, in victory after victory. And yet nothing was easy. Every single paper had to be tackled in a different way. And there was always the possibility of defiance.

Then there would come the final crash of arms, the day when he would stand out before all the world as the organiser of the great campaign. So far, nothing definite had leaked out. But the secret could not be kept for long. Nor, indeed, so far as Mr. Lampirthy was concerned, was there any reason why it should be kept at all. But the editors and proprietors of the various papers concerned had every inducement to keep the Great Paper Combine out of the matter. They did not

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wish the public to know that they had been forced to take up their present attitude, and that they were practically at the mercy of one hard and unscrupulous man. They preferred to pose as reformers, actuated by the highest and most unselfish motives. Yet they knew that exposure must come, and they invited Mr. Lampirthy to a conference at the offices of the "Daily Biograph."

After a discussion which lasted for over five hours, and the proposal and rejection of fifty different schemes, they came to the conclusion that there was no way out of the difficulty, and that they

They agreed to acknowledge Mr. Lampirthy as the organiser of the whole movement, and he, on the other hand, agreed to pore not at the financier who had coerced them to his will with threats, but as the earnest and persuasive pleader who had converted them by the sheer strength of his reasoning and rhetoric. The story was a trifle thin, but Mr. Lampirthy, who was on the best of terms with all of them, and who had made some compensation for their losses by still further reducing the price of paper, made a proposal which was met with general approval.

"We must all pull together in this," he said earnestly. "Your interests are mine, and if I had to use a bit of force at first, well—I have forgotten that, and I want you to forget it, too. I will tell you what I am going to do. I am going to make you each a present of £5,000 worth of shares in one of the other of my companies. And I am, in addition, going to lodge £250,000 worth of shares in each of your names. These latter you will only hold as nominees, but when the whole affair is made public it will considerably alter the aspect of affairs. You will each appear to hold a position which will place you beyond the reach of criticism."

This proposal was received with enthusiasm and gratitude, and they all parted on the best of terms.

It was not long before the exposure became an accomplished fact. The "Northern Bulletin," a paper of considerable influence and a large circulation in Yorkshire and Lancashire, was approached, not by Mr. Lampirthy, but, in accordance with a plan already agreed upon, by Mr. Mallard, as representative of a powerful combination of newspaper proprietors and paper-makers.

Now the "Northern Bulletin," which had every outward appearance of a prosperous newspaper, was, as a matter of fact, on the verge of bankruptcy. Its days were already numbered, and having, therefore, nothing to lose by expiring a few weeks before its appointed time, it resolved to die gloriously. It flung the gauntlet to Mr. Mallard's face, and the day after the interview it published an account of the whole affair, containing all the facts and some very strong comments on the same. And for a week afterwards it devoted half of its columns to an attempt at exposing the whole business. But, owing to Mr. Lampirthy's foresight, it failed to prove anything beyond the fact that a large number of newspaper proprietors had combined to change the tone of the English Press.

During that brief week of glory the circulation rose like a thermometer placed in boiling water. Thousands of copies were sold in London; the exposure was the talk of England. As all the great newspapers ignored it, it did not receive the advertisement which such an exposure requires. But, in spite of this, the principal paper rose to an eminence which might have made its fortune if it had lived. It died gloriously.

Ten days after the exposure the "Northern Bulletin" ceased to exist. Thousands of people asked for it, but there were no copies to be had, for the simple reason that there was no paper to print it on. Its contract had expired. Like the bee, it had left its sting, and died. The last copy was printed on calico. A few thousands of these fetched a shilling a copy. They were preserved as curiosities.


The exposure at first caused a little indignation, chiefly among those who had no right to be indignant with anything. It also caused a good deal of amusement among the thoughtless and those most easily amused. Then there came a reaction among those who were capable of sober thought, and who had any religious or social ideals. It was recognised that Mr. Lampirthy and his associates were banded together to do a good work, and that they were sacrificing their own interests for the sake of a cause.

It was not long before everyone realised that the work of these newspapers and the work of the mad preacher, Father Francis, were identical. Then it was seen that they were not only identical, but that there was a close and real connection between them. The name of Father Francis began to occupy a prominent position in the news of the day. He was praised as a stern and pure-minded zealot, as a great reformer.

It was also stated that Mr. Lampirthy, the richest man in the world, had been converted by the eloquence of this humble preacher; that the millionaire had given up his home of ease and luxury and was now content with the bare necessities of life.

(To be continued.)

# DAILY MAIL



## SOUPCLOGY

**Dame Goodsou's Free Lectures on the "English Art of Cooking."**

**REAL IRISH STEW.**

A real Irish stew, my dear, will repay you for the care you take with it. Get two pounds of mutton pieces, the same quantity of potatoes, and a half-pound of onions and a Penny Packet of Edwards' Desiccated Soup. Cut mutton in neat pieces, fry a little in iron saucepan, add the onions (chopped), and the potatoes (cut in size), cover with water and let it simmer one hour. Now add your potatoes whole, also pepper and salt, and cook slowly. Boil your "E-D-S." which will give you no trouble, and about 20 minutes before stew is ready to serve, put it in the pot. Dish out meat first with onions on top and potatoes on border. You'll find that the "E-D-S." gives that stew a flavour and a taste that will do your heart good.

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The following remarkable Testimonials have all been received during the past fortnight:—

**Mr. F. L. ATWOOD, 1, Lynton Villa, Crescent Road, Wood Green, N., writes:—**"Although I am over eighty, and had been generally helpless for the past ten years from Rheumatism and Sciatica, I am pleased to say that you have completely cured me."

**Mr. J. HUNTER, 69, South Terrace, Walsend-on-Tyne, writes:—**"I have completely cured me of Rheumatism, and I can now walk up and down stairs with ease, a thing I have been quite unable to do for months past."

**Mrs. C. AUBIN, 4, Highland Road, East Southsea, writes:—**"I am very grateful for the wonderful cure you have effected in my case of Sciatica. Formerly I suffered agonies in my right hip and leg, but am now quite free from pain."

**Mr. JAMES GEE, 130, Old Road, Ashton-in-Wakefield, writes:—**"I feel it a duty to let you know that you have completely cured my Rheumatism, and although I am over sixty-five, I can now follow my work with pleasure."

**Mrs. MILLS, 32, Frederick Street, Caldonian Road, N., writes:—**"I am pleased to say that you have completely cured me after suffering from severe Sciatica for over five months."

**Mrs. WELLS, Sutton Bridge, near Abingdon, writes:—**"Although I had been a great sufferer from Rheumatism for the past eighteen years, I am pleased to say you have completely cured me, and I can now ride a bicycle forty miles with ease."

Mention this paper when writing, and carefully note the address:—

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## THE MONEY MARKET.

More Settled Feeling About the Morocco Conference.

### BUYERS CONFIDENT.

CAPEL COURT, Wednesday Evening.—Consols are creeping upwards steadily. To-day they touched the giddy height for them of 90½. There is evidently a good deal of confident buying going on, and, although money has not been much encouragement, there seemed to be a more settled feeling about the Morocco Conference.

And there is no doubt that the success of recent gilt-edged issues has done a good deal to help the market. For instance, the way in which the Midland and Great Central 3½ per cent. joint stock went the other day, following upon the New South Wales success, seems to convince the market that there is plenty of money about for anything worth having. And the fact that in making the Hong Kong new issue the tender system has been resorted to shows the belief that Lombard Street has available funds, whether Japanese or otherwise, which can be utilised for investment purposes.

### GOOD HOME RAILS TRAFFICS.

To-day's traffics in the Home Railway group were satisfactory with but very few exceptions. The comparisons were with good takings last year, and certainly most of the traffics left little to be desired. The poorest showings were those of the Great Western, South-Western, the Hull, and the North British. Very strikingly good returns were made by the North-Eastern and the North-Western. So that, in spite of the inactivity, it was not surprising to find the market closing rather distinctly firmer. In American Rails, however, the knowledge of the various new capital issues, either announced or impending, does nothing to encourage the operators. The market keeps fairly firm, and that is about all that happens.

### GAMBLING IN GRAND TRUNKS.

Undoubtedly a lot of hostility is aroused by the Canadian Pacific's squandering policy of making its new issue at "par" when its old stock is worth nearly 180. It gives a very fine bonus to existing proprietors, but it means that the company has to pay far more than is necessary in interest in the future.

There is a certain amount of gambling going on in Grand Trunks, due to rather lavish traffic expectations. There were some wonderful increases to-day in the Argentine Railway traffics, but last year at this time there were one or two wonderful decreases, owing to the strikes. So that the traffics were not so good as they looked. Still, they seemed to cheer up Argentine Rails.

The Cuban Railway group seemed happier, for here at last the heavy rains seem to have ceased, and the companies are doing well again. It is curious how heavy rains and floods seem to have hampered railways in what is loosely called the South American group. The Leopoldina, in the Brazilian section, is still suffering severely from this cause.

### MINING PRICES DRIFT.

Paris seemed once more quite decidedly confident, and it is to be hoped that this means good Morocco Conference news. At all events, all the Paris favourites were better, and Russians were quite a strong feature.

The arrival of Mr. Jefferson Levy in this country seems to have been seized upon by the gamblers in Hudson's Bays to put prices higher. As a whole, Miscellaneous descriptions were fairly firm, without there being much excitement. Brewery issues seem to be pulling round after their recent weakness.

There was a firm tendency for Kaffirs at the start, but the market quickly relapsed, closing flat on fears of Ministerial policy statements. And elsewhere in the mining sections there was very little doing, and, where prices moved at all, they went mostly in the downward direction. Copper shares were heavy owing to more American properties being opened up.

### "EX-SOLDIER'S MEAN DECEIT."

Single Man's False Pleas of Married Poverty Severely Punished.

In a report yesterday, under the above heading, of a police case at Westminster, in which Alfred Williams was charged with obtaining charitable contributions from Mr. Algernon Tudor Craig, secretary of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, the *Daily Mirror* inadvertently stated that Mr. Craig, the prosecutor, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Of course, it was Williams who was sentenced. The *Daily Mirror* regrets that any unpleasantness and inconvenience should have been caused to Mr. Craig by what was obviously a slip of the pen.

### DOCTOR'S TOO ARISTOCRATIC ABODE.

Dr. Sowden, the East Ham medical officer, having been accused of residing in "an aristocratic part of the borough" was been requested by the Town Council to reside nearer the Isolation Hospital.

## THE SEVEN STAGES OF VALENTINES.



How the Valentine's Day disappointments of early years had a happy ending for a young girl. By Hilda Cowham.

## "PUBLICAN-PARSON" ON DRINKING.

Inn as Musical Workshop and Site of an Interesting Experiment.

For the sake of music the Rev. Samuel W. Thackeray has become a publican.

Why he stands behind the bar in the Fish and Eels, a riverside inn between Broxbourne and Roydon—a work which does not appear unbecomingly to him—he told the *Daily Mirror* last night. He has more than one reason.

He is, he said, "inventor of a new system, which reduces all music from twelve different keys to one key—C natural—and embraces a new keyboard and a new system of musical notation."

The object of this new system, which he has patented "throughout the civilised world," is to make music as easy as possible, enabling a learner to make as much progress in twelve months as has hitherto been possible in six years.

"I needed a workshop where I could perfect my keyboard and carry out my ideas," said Mr. Thackeray, "and it was necessary for me to live on the spot."

### HOW TO DEAL WITH THE DRUNKARD.

"Then the idea occurred to me that an hotel with outbuildings would serve my purpose, and, ultimately, I took this place."

"But I have my own views on the drink question," added Mr. Thackeray, his manner becoming more animated.

"All 'temperance' societies are really total abstinence societies. The teetotaler is in a small minority, but the moderate drinker predominates. As every drunkard must have been a moderate drinker, I feel they are not treating this question rightly by ignoring the great body of moderate drinkers."

"Drink," he continued, "is God's gift to use or abuse. I want to look after the moderate drinker, and see that he does not degenerate. I want to help every man to enjoy himself and go about his work feeling better fitted for it than otherwise."

Mr. Thackeray is going to deal firmly with the drunkard; he simply will not serve him.

## TIRED OF "REDSKINS."

Ill-Luck Dogging Their Steps, the "Last of the Mohicans" Quit the East for Ever.

With their eyes towards the setting sun, the "Last of the Mohicans," a party of American Indians, weary of the wiles of the pale faces and their countries, have left for Canada on the steamer Lake Champlain.

They have been an unfortunate experience. Full of hope, they came to England less than a year ago, and at the Earl's Court Exhibition showed their skill as archers and as paddlers of canoes.

They were not novelties—Englishmen being now familiar with feathered "redskins" and wild men from Borneo—and their show was not a financial success.

They were later taken to Holland, where there were plenty of places to paddle, but matters went from bad to worse. A fortnight ago a number were reported to be stranded in Rotterdam, when Lord Strathcona came to the rescue and guaranteed their passage homeward. Before leaving Holland, however, a white woman married one of the chiefs, and is going with him back to the camp-fires on the great lakes.

This latest adventure of the American Indians will probably deter others from coming to this country, and spectators may have seen the last of the redskins for a long time.

### BUTTON A BURGLARY CLUE.

A button was missing from the vest of Richard Jones, who was remanded at North London Police Court yesterday with loitering, and, noticing this, Detective-sergeant Smith said he believed he had the identical button at the police station. It had been found at a house in Victoria Park-road, where a burglary had been committed.

### NOVEL FUNERAL BANQUET.

At the funeral of Mr. George Calvert at Porthcawl, Wales, six men, nominated in the dead man's will, acted as bearers, afterwards going to the Ship and Castle Hotel for dinner, to defray the cost for which a sum of money had been left.

## FACTS CONCERNING DISORDERED NERVES

Wherever you go you meet someone complaining that his nerves are out of order. The sufferer tells you that he feels completely worn out, is unable to do his work with any satisfaction to himself, that he cannot think properly of the details of his business, or come to any clear and wise decision on the various points that arise. May we ask you personally whether this is a fair description of your condition? If it is, allow us to both explain what is wrong and show you the only way in which nerve restoration can be gained. Above all be careful not to use either stimulants, or general tonics, because neither stimulants or general tonics can permanently do what is necessary.

### SYMPTOMS OF DISORDERED NERVES

Before reading what follows please recollect that it is most important you should recognise the signs of nervous trouble at the earliest possible moment. Early recognition will enable you to avoid a great deal of discomfort and suffering, and prevent that nervous breakdown that will result from your neglecting your symptoms to-day. Read through the following list of symptoms one by one, and ask yourself whether you suffer from any of the signs of nervous exhaustion that we mention. Do you suffer from lassitude, intense weariness, mental and muscular fatigue, after very slight exertion, or nervous and general debility? Are you miserable and gloomy owing to mental depression, sleeplessness, neuralgia, nervous headache, weakened will power, or loss of self-confidence and lack of pluck in trying situations? Are you unequal to sustained mental effort, or are you irritable, brain weary, or has influenza or some other prostrating ailment left you exhausted and worn out? If these symptoms are your symptoms do not hesitate a moment longer, but commence Bishop's Tonule Treatment without further delay.

### THE WAY TO STRENGTHEN THE NERVES

The symptoms we have been talking about simply mean that your nerves have been worn away, and that they want feeding up, nourishing and strengthening. If a man is in athletic training, special food in proper quantities is given to him so as to build up healthy muscle. In the same way, if a man or woman has to put forth special mental effort, or there is great nervous strain, special chemical elements ought to be provided to feed and strengthen the nerves and brain. These elements are carefully and scientifically combined in Bishop's Tonules, so that when they are used the nerves are nourished, nerve-power is created, nerve energy is economised, and a reserve of nerve strength is stored up.

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Antipon (says the "Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News"), to which warm praise has been given by medical authorities, reduces flesh—or, rather, fat—from the very first dose, and has a general tonic and invigorating effect upon the entire system, so that at the end of the cure the patient is both healthier and stronger in muscle and nerve. Antipon may be regarded as a very beneficial discovery.





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JERSEY.-Brompton Villa Boarding Establishment, 15, Great Union-rd.; near sea; Oriental dining-room; from 20s. weekly; illustrated booklet.-Proprietress.

## A PAGE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN.

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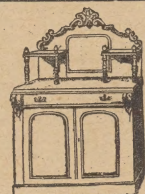
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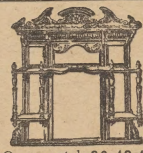
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